

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ROME 16984 121545Z

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00
PA-01 SP-02 NSCE-00 SSO-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00 /026 W
-----090273 121552Z /73

O 121210Z SEP 78

FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5818

C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 16984

EUR FOR ASST SECRETARY VEST;

NSC FOR HUNTER FROM AMBASSADOR GARDNER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, IT

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DC SECRETARIAT HEAD PISANU (POSSIBLE
ZACCAGNINI VISIT)

REF: ROME 14531

1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT (DC) DEPUTY
GUISEPPE PISANU, HEAD OF PARTY SECRETARIAT, IS VISITING
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 12-15, AT PARTY SECRETARY
ZACCAGNINI'S REQUEST FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CURRENT
ITALIAN DEVELOPMENTS. PISANU WILL BE ACCOMPANIED
BY DR. VITTORIO FOLLINI, CHIEF OF DC FOREIGN PRESS
OFFICE.
2. JUST BEFORE PISANU AND FOLLINI LEFT FOR U.S.
SEPTEMBER 11, WE LEARNED THAT PISANU ALSO WANTS TO SOUND
OUT USG VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING A ZACCAGNINI
VISIT TO WASHINGTON EARLY NEXT YEAR.
3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT OVER LAST TWO YEARS
ZACCAGNINI HAS PERIODICALLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ROME 16984 121545Z

VISITING WASHINGTON, BUT THAT PROTRACTED ITALIAN
POLITIICAL CRISES PREVENTED HIM FROM DOING SO. WHEN
THE SUBJECT CAME UP DURING MY MEETINGS WITH ZACCAGNINI,
I ASSURED HIM A VISIT WOULD BE WELCOMED AND THAT WE
WOULD ASSIST TO EXTENT POSSIBLE IN ARRANGING APPROPRIATE
APPOINTMENTS.

4. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH PISANU, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE IDEA OF A ZACCAGNINI VISIT, ASSUMING THAT THE TIMING DOES NOT PRESENT ANY UNTOWARD PROBLEMS. AS HE FIRST DIRECTLY ELECTED LEADER OF ITALY'S LARGEST PARTY, ZACCAGNINI REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST GENUINELY WELL-LIKED AND POPULAR OF ALL ITALIAN POLITICAL LEADERS. HE IS A STRONG ADVOCATE AND SYMBOL FOR REFORM AND RENEWAL IN THE DC. ALTHOUGH HIS STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARTY IS FREQUENTLY CRITICIZED FOR A LACK OF STRONG DIRECTION AND CLEAR STRATEGY, HE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN MAINTAINING PARTY UNITY DURING ONE OF THE DC'S MOST CRITICAL PERIODS.. I BELIEVE THAT

ZACCAGNINI WILL BENEFIT GREATLY FROM EXPOSURE TO WASHINGTON AND RECOMMEND THAT HE BE ENCOURAGED TO COME. GARDNER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 sep 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978ROME16984
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780370-0858
Format: TEL
From: ROME
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780976/aaaackzw.tel
Line Count: 78
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 21ce5b52-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 ROME 14531
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 31 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1466790
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VISIT OF DC SECRETARIAT HEAD PISANU (POSSIBLE ZACCAGNINI VISIT)
TAGS: PINT, IT, (PISANU, GIUSEPPE), (ZACCAGNINI, BENIGNO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/21ce5b52-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014